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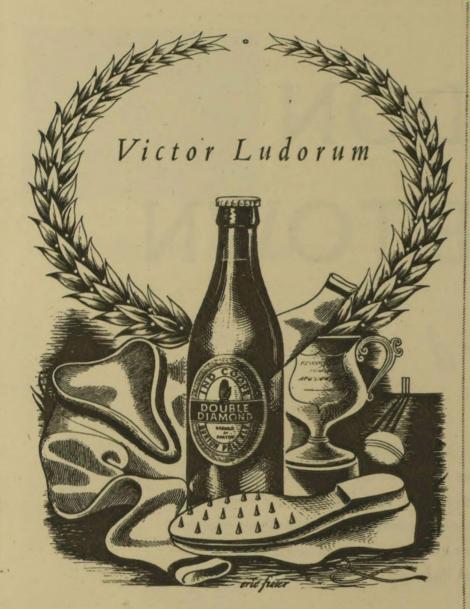
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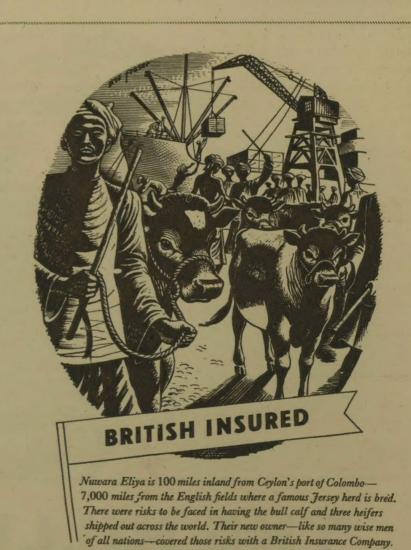
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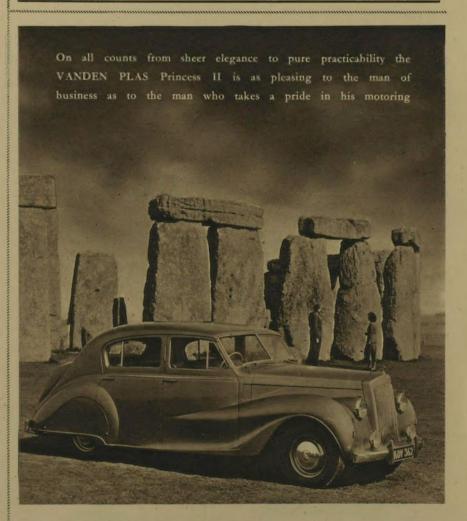
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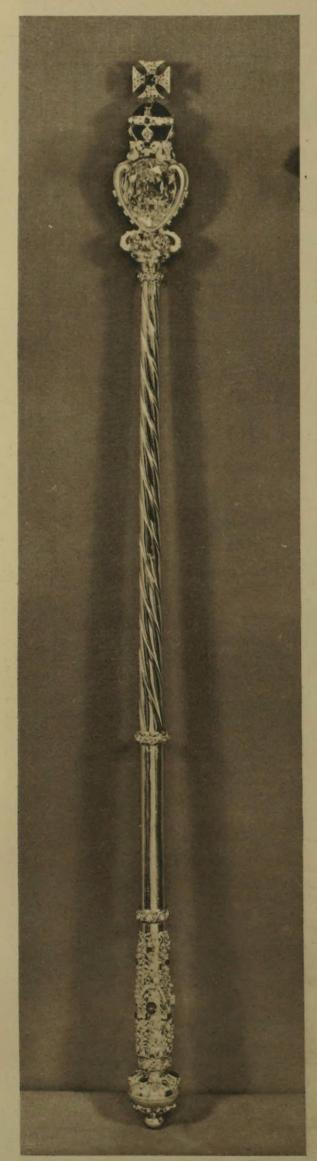


HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.
PORTRAIT STUDY BY KARSH OF OTTAWA.





THE IMPERIAL STATE CROWN.



"THE ENSIGN OF THE KINGLY POWER AND JUSTICE"
THE KING'S ROYAL SCEPTRE WITH THE CROSS. IT I
MADE OF GOLD AND IS ABOUT 3 FT. IN LENGTH.



DURING the lying-in-state in Westminster Hall the coffin of his late Majesty King George VI. was draped with the Royal Standard and bore also insignia of the Sovereign: the Imperial State Crown (which is shown on the previous page); the King's Orb and the King's Royal Sceptre. The Imperial State Crown was originally made for Queen Victoria in 1838 and is the most valuable and the most beautiful in the world. Many of the gems it contains are of very ancient origin; among these is the [Continued below.]



AT THE HEAD OF THE COFFIN DURING THE LYING-INSTATE: THE WANAMAKER CROSS, THE PRINCIPAL CROSS
FROM WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

CONTAINING THE GREAT STAR OF
AFRICA: THE HEAD OF THE
KING'S ROYAL SCEPTRE.



BORNE ON THE COFFIN OF KING GEORGE VI. DURING THE LYING-IN-STATE: INSIGNIA OF THE SOVEREIGN.

Continued.] large Black Prince's ruby, the most remarkable jewel belonging to the Regalia; the great sapphire from the crown of Charles II.; Queen Elizabeth I.'s earnings and many other priceless gems. In front of the crown is the second largest portion of the Star of Africa. The largest portion of the Star of Africa, cut from the great Cullinan Diamond, is set in the head of the King's Royal Sceptre and is the largest cut diamond in the world. The great amethyst orb at the top of the Sceptre has round the centre a jewelled band with an arch

of gold, rubies and diamonds. The cross-patée at the top is thickly set with diamonds, a large emerald being in the centre. The entire length of the Sceptre is about 3 ft. The King's Orb is remarkable for the fine amethyst, cut in facets, on which the cross-patée stands. The golden ball is 6 ins. in diameter, and has a fillet of gold round the centre, outlined with fine pearls and ornamented with clusters of gems, set in borders of white and red enamel. This Orb was made by Sir Robert Vyner for Charles 11.



BEARING THE IMPERIAL STATE CROWN, THE ORB AND THE SCEPTRE, INSIGNIA OF THE SOVEREIGN: THE COFFIN OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI., DRAPED WITH THE ROYAL STANDARD, LYING IN STATE IN WESTMINSTER HALL.

The lying-in-state of a Sovereign of this Realm is of necessity impressive, but when the man to whom the last homage is being paid has been, like his late Majesty George VI., not only a great King but a very dearly loved personality, the occasion becomes almost unbearably poignant. The coffin of King George VI. was draped with the Royal Standard and bore the Imperial State Crown, the Orb and the King's Royal Sceptre placed behind the Queen Mother's wreath, which lay at the head of the coffin, in front of the Wanamaker Cross afrom Westminster Abbey. The catafalque, draped in purple, stood on a dais, reached

by three steps, in the centre of Westminster Hall, and was guarded day and night, from February 11 until February 15. The pall from Westminster Abbey, first used at the burial of the Unknown Warrior on November 11, 1920, and since then at several funerals, including that of Queen Alexandra, covered the coffin of King George V. when he lay in state, being placed underneath the Royal Standard; but it was not used for that of his son King George VI., which was draped with the Royal Standard alone. Great candlesticks from the Unknown Warrior's Tomb in Westminster Abbey, however, were set at the corners of the catafalque.



By ARTHUR BRYANT.

A HUNDRED years before I was born—the span of a long human lifetime—there must have been some still living in the world who had seen Richard Cromwell. And only a century before the birth of Richard Cromwell, "Tumbledown Dick," who ruled England in the middle of the seventeenth century, Englishmen were still alive who had been born before the end of the Hundred Years War. And when the Hundred Years War began, there were quite a number of men living in England who had seen Henry III., who was the great-grandson of Queen Matilda, who was the granddaughter of William the Conqueror! Into so small a compass of human lifetimes can English history be compressed. What appears at first sight to be a period incredibly remote from us is, on closer consideration, seen to be unexpectedly near. Or put it in another way. King John was the great-great-grandson of William I. and the great-great-grandfather of Edward III. And when Edward III. died, children were already alive who in extreme old age were to set eyes on others who would in their extreme old age see Queen Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth died in 1603 there were babies in their mothers' arms who were to survive into a century that was to witness the birth of some who were still to be alive within the lifetime of many still living to-day! Once one begins to think like this, the reality and nearness of the past become apparent. John Hampden ceases to be a mere name in

of the past become apparent. John Hampden ceases to be a mere name in a book, Sir Philip Sidney the hero of a legend, or Henry IV. or King John romantic characters in a Shakespeare play. They become as alive and as important to us as Mr. Gaitskell or Aneurin Bevan, Miss Horsbrugh or the Duke of Edinburgh. They are just out of our immediate sight, round the corner but no further away than that corner, but no further away than that. And when we realise this, we can begin to make an intelligent use of the past. We can adequately assess the work such once living creatures performed and the effect it is still having on our and the effect it is still having on our own lives. For the effect of the past continues far longer than we usually realise. We can call history "bunk" with Mr. Ford if we like, but we can no more escape from it than an ostrich its pursuers by burying its head in the sand.

In this age of rapid disintegration when so many superficialities we had long taken for granted are falling away, leaving the bare bones of our institutions and traditions standing gaunt and exposed, I find myself increasingly thinking of those who created those institutions and traditions. High in priority among them seem to stand those Norman and Angevin kings who transformed the rather inchoate, muddle-headed and ill-disciplined mass of the Anglo-Saxon community—a of the Anglo-Saxon community—a people in so many respects like ourselves, with splendid latent virtues, but terribly in need of clarity and purpose, direction and organisation—into the compact, co-ordinated, eminently practical and efficient nation that in the seventeenth, eighteenth and nine-teenth centuries was to transform the teenth centuries was to transform the world. One can read of them and their achievement in Dr. Zane Poole's latest contribution to the new Oxford History

contribution to the new Oxford History of England—a great book, as readable as it is scholarly.* It was England's supreme good fortune that, after the terrible disaster that befell her, through her people's own fault, in 1066, her new rulers, harsh and often cruel though they were, should have possessed such superb gifts of leadership. In a society still riven and shaken by the long horror and disruption into which the Norse invasions had plunged it, kingship called for rare qualities. It required not only courage and patience, but tireless industry. The King had to do almost everything. He had to appoint and dismiss his own officers, preside over his own councils and law courts, raise and lead his armies and, if his realm was not to relapse into anarchy, choose and provide for his successor. He had to have the presence to overawe the rough, half-barbarian warriors and nobles who surrounded him. When at the great annual Easter, Whitsun and Christmas feasts the King of England solemnly wore his crown in public at Winchester, London and Gloucester, the peace of the realm often turned on the majesty with which he spoke and moved.

William I., Henry I., Henry II.—probably the greatest of them all—and Edward I. were rulers of supreme talent, even genius: not only born leaders but statesmen with the capacity to create political institutions which could endure long after they were dead. That which they created still endures to-day: the essential framework of the State we inherit. In a period of a quarter of a millennium—a space of time equal to that which divides us from the accession of George I.—England's destinies were guided during nearly a hundred of those years by four men of supreme political genius. William the Conqueror was a hard taskmaster. He laid on gelds "exceeding stiff," confiscated almost the entire land of the English landowning class, and devastated the rebellious and turbulent North. Yet he conquered something more than England. He conquered his own feudal nobility. So far the feudal system had bound, in its full severity, only the lower ranks of society. William made it bind the top. The stark King fastened it, with all his Norman thoroughness, like a strait-jacket on the turbulent knights and barons who had

turbulent knights and barons who had kept Western Europe in an uproar with their selfish civil wars. It was this that completed the work that Alfred had begun two centuries before. It made England a disciplined nation, disciplined not only at the base but at the summit. By stamping out private war between the rich, William created the first State in Western Europe where unarmed peasants could till the soil in security. He refused to allow anyone, however powerful, to challenge his peace. "So very stern was he and hot," wrote the Anglo-Saxon chronicler, "that no man durst do anything against his will." He did many harsh things; conquest is a cruel, bloody business, and any nation that allows itself to be conquered must suffer terribly. But in enforcing public order turbulent knights and barons who had terribly. But in enforcing public order without respect to persons he awoke in his subjects that sense of obligation to the State which is the foundation

of national unity.

His son, Henry I., "the Lion of Justice," as he was called, equally deserved his people's confidence. For thirty-six years he gave them peace and that political stability which men, and that political stability which men, who have known anarchy, value above all things. He was a tremendous worker, a man of business who, unlike his father and brother, could read and write, and who understood the importance of sound administration. He introduced into our government regular habits and routine. His father had given England a taxing system more accurate and honest than any in Europe; his Domesday Survey had been a miracle of efficiency in a disorderly age. Henry gave it a permanent officialdom. His capacity for organisation, for creating a system and institutions which continued irrespective of persons made a great impression INIGHT AND DAY ABOVE THE ADMIRALTY, one of Education of the King George vi.

One Guards Parade flies day and night the flag a yellow "foul anchor" on a red ground—and gen only. The association of this flag with the II., for in 1680 the elder William Van de Velde is embarked, and he shows it with the Royal, by the Grace of God, Charles the Second, King of Grace of God, Charles the Second, King and the Ingland and Lord High Admiral dimiralty; but this association of the three flags Sovereign; and in 1833 it became a matter of war of the Royal Navy. The Admiralty Flag is, Admiralty are affect in their yacht.

These two great men, father and son, laid the first foundations of our modern State. It was left to Henry's grandson, the second Henry, and the latter's great-grandson, Edward I., to extend them so as to ensure us the two greatest political blessings after public order.

great-grandson, Edward I., to extend them so as to ensure us the two greatest political blessings after public order which we enjoy: the supremacy of the Law and Judiciary, and the creation of a national consultative assembly called Parliament to supervise the Executive. These institutions, given us by the ancestors of our present Sovereigns, form to-day the machinery by which we ensure our liberties and democratic government. It is one of the miracles of our ancient Monarchy that, having schooled us to rule ourselves in the spheres of law and politics, it should have evolved, during the past century, through the personalities and devoted service of such Sovereigns as Queen Victoria, George V. and our late King, into what it now is—an exemplar of moral standards and values in an age of change and a fulcrum round which revolves the greatest association of independent, self-governing nations ever seen on earth.



THE LORD HIGH ADMIRAL'S FLAG, WHICH PLIES NIGHT AND DAY ABOVE THE ADMIRALTY, HALF-MASTED FOR THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE VI.

the Admiralty which overlooks Horse Guards Parade flies da Admiral, or the Admiralty Flag—a yellow "foul anchor" or asted for the death of the Sovereign only. The association ke certainly to the reign of Charles II., for in 1680 the elder V I Charles, in which the King was embarked, and he show



HER MAJESTY, COLONEL OF THE GRENADIER GUARDS: QUEEN ELIZABETH II. IN UNIFORM.

The Queen has a deep sense of the high destiny to which she is called. On her twenty-first birthday, in an Empire-wide broadcast, she said: "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great Imperial family to which we all belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do. I know that your support will be unfailingly

given. God help me to make good my vow and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it." Her Majesty has been Colonel of the Grenadier Guards since 1942, and when in the absence of his late Majesty last year she took the Sovereign's Salute at the King's Birthday Parade of the Brigade of Guards, and Trooping the Colour, she wore the uniform in which she is shown. It is believed that this photograph was King George VI.'s favourite portrait of her.



THE NATION MOURNS ITS KING: THE SEEME ON FEBRUARY 13, WHEN THE QUEUE OF THOSE WAITING TO PAY THEIR HOMAGE IN WESTMINSTER HALL STRETCHED FROM THE HALL BEYOND THE SCAFFOLDED VICTORIA TOWER, ALONG THE NORTH BANK, OVER THE LAMBETH BRIDGE, DOWN THE ALBERT EMBANKMENT, AND DOUBLED BACK ROUND LAMBETH PALACI



SOME OF THE THOUSANDS WHO WAITED HOURS TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS AT THE LYING-IN-STATE OF KING GEORGE VI. THE SECTION SHOWN HAS JUST REACHED LAMBETH BRIDGE, AND STRETCHES AWAY PAST ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL TO WESTMINSTER BRIDGE, WHERE IT WAS DOUBLED BACK TO LAMBETH PALACE.

AND STRETCHES AWAY PAST ST, THOMASS HOSPITAL TO WESTMINSTER BRIDGE, WHERE IT WAS DOUBLED BACK TO LAMBETH PALACE. A NATION'S HOMAGE TO A BELOVED KING: THE FOUR-MILE-LONG COLUMN OF MOURNERS THAT

The lying-in-state of the coffin of King George VI. on February 12, 13 and 14 was marked by a most amazing demonstration of affection and sorrow. Throughout the three days and most of the nights—which were marked with cold, rain, aleet and snow—thousands waited patiently in queues sometimes more than four miles long, to pay their last respects to their beloved King, as he jay in state. Several long, to pay their last respects to their beloved King, as he jay in state.

thousands had been waiting before dawn on February 12 for the doors to open at 8 am. The original intention was to close the doors again at 10 μ m, but this was extended to 11 μ m. But at 11 μ m, the end of the queue was still 200 yards south of Lambeth Bridge; and it was decided to allow those then in the queue to continue but to close the queue. The doors, in fact, were not loosed until 1.45 am.





THE MOURNING OF A GREAT MATION FOR A GREAT KING: THE LOYAL SUBJECTS OF THE LATE KING GEORGE FILING PAST THE COFFIN IN WESTMINSTER HALL, WHERE IT LAY IN STATE.

GUARDED BY OFFICERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD TROOPS, THE GENTLEMEN AT ARMS, AND YEOMEN OF THE GUARD, WITH SWORDS, AXES AND PARTIZARS REVERSED.

PASSED SLOWLY THROUGH WESTMINSTER HALL FOR THE THREE DAYS OF THE LYING-IN-STATE.

when a total of 76,426 people had passed through the Hall. During the day a number of distinguished persons visited the catafalque. On February 13, the patient columns were even longer, and it was announced that the public would be allowed to join the queue up to midnight; and the doors were not closed until 3.20 am. During this time about 108,000 persons passed through the Hall;

and in the evening Queen Mary, the Duke of Windsor and the Princess Royal visited the catalaque, many distinguished Parliamentarians having also paid their homage during the day. Barly on February 14 It was announced that the doors would be kept open until six o'clock on the Friday morning, and it was expected that the eventual total of mourners to visit the Hall would be about 300,000.



BIDDING FAREWELL TO A GREATLY BELOVED KING: SOME OF THE KING'S DEVOTED SUBJECTS, FROM SCENE DURING THE THREE DAYS' LYING IN STATE, WHEN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

Perhaps one of the most striking aspects of the universal and spontaneous mourning for the late King is the sense of personal loss that has been felt so deeply and anionerely by his subjects. In London thousands of people had the opportunity of expressing in some degree the love and loyalty which they felt for the man who for fitten difficult years had worn the Crown of England and made his people's cause

his own. These people, representatives of so many millions more, walked slowly and in reverence past the King's coffin as it by in state in Westminster Hall. All day, and far into the night, men, women and children, from the highest to the humblest in the land, waited patiently to perform their individual acts of love and loyalty. The great stone Hall, which has seen so many State occasions through the centuries.

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EVERY WALK OF LIFE, WHO JOINED IN THE GREAT PILGRIMAGE TO WESTMINSTER HALL. A TYPICAL WALKED SLOWLY PAST THE KING'S COFFIN IN SILENT HOMAGE AND PRAYER.

formed the setting for this memorable scene. The contrast between the bareness of the architecture and the glory of the catafalque was almost overwhelming. The coffin on the purple catafalque, draped in the yellow and red of the Royal Standard, bore the Imperial State Crown, the Orb and the Royal Sceptre, in which the jewels flashed with a myriad lights. The brilliant colour of the uniforms of the ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TAX MAJESTY'S LYNIG-UN-STATE.

ten men guarding the catalalque glowed in the cold Hall like a fire in an unlit room. As the people passed, slowly and reverently, many no doubt remembered the King's brandeast at Christmas, 1939, when he quoted from Miss L. Haskins' "The Desert," these words: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

THE QUEENS WHO HAVE RULED OVER ENGLAND.



ADY JANE GREY (B. 1537; DIED 1554; REIGNED FOR NINE DAYS IN 1553). A DOUBTFUL PORTRAIT, IN THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY.

AT this time, when England is once more ruled by a Queen, we take this opportunity of publishing the portraits of the predecessors in office of our beloved Elizabeth II. and of appending some notes on their reigns and, in some cases, on their portraits. Except for the first three, Matilda, Lady Jane Grey and Mary Tudor, whose reigns were indeed short and troublous, the reigns of the Queens of England have coincided with periods of strength and growth of England, and often have inspired that strength and certainly symbolised it; and it is therefore a fact that the presence of a Queen as Sovereign serves as a challenge, an inspiration and a good omen to her subjects. Queen Matilda was the daughter of Henry I. and was first married to the [Continued below.] [Continued below



QUEEN MARY II. (B. 1662; DIED 1694; REIGNED WITH WILLIAM III., FROM 1689 TO 1694). BY W. WISSING IN THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY.

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Emperor Henry V. After his death she was married to Geoffrey Plantagenet of Anjou, and her son by him was Henry II. of England. Her own reign as Queen and "Lady of England and Normandy" was brief and mostly occupied in wars with the more successful claimant, Stephen of Blois. She was considered extremely beautiful, but her only authentic portrait is that from the Great Seal she used when Empress. Lady Jane Grey is a sweet and pathetic character, and her nine days' occupation of the throne was the outcome of Northumberland's ambition. The authenticity of the portrait we give, as of most of her portraits, is very doubtful. The reign of Mary [Tudor, though brief, is well known. The portrait we reproduce is thought by some to be by [Continued above right.]

QUEEN MATILDA (B. 1102; DIED 1167; REIGN FROM 1141, HER EFFECTIVE REIGN, ENDING IN 114 THE ONLY AUTHENTIC PORTRAIT, FROM HER SEAL



QUEEN ELIZABETH I. (B. 1533; DIED 1603; REIGNED 1558 TO 1603). FROM THE PORTRAIT PAINTED BY AN UNKNOWN ART! 1588, NOW IN THE NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM.



EEN VICTORIA (B. 1819; DIED 1901; REIGNED 1837 TO 11). FROM A PORTRAIT BY BENJAMIN CONSTANT, COM-MISSIONED BY "THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS."

PREDECESSORS IN OFFICE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II.



QUEEN MARY I. (B. 1516; DIED 1558; REIGNED 1553 TO 1558). FROM A PORTRAIT BY A CLOSE FOLLOWER OF HANS HOLBEIN, THE YOUNGER.

Hans Eworth. With Elizabeth I. we reach the reigns of the great Queens. In the portrait we give she is wearing a mourning ring for the Earl of Leicester on the little finger of her left hand. In her reign England became a country of world significance—in politics, in power, in poetry, science and philosophy, and all that is summed up in the phrase "the Elizabethan spirit." The personalities of Mary II. and Anne are not in themselves strong and dominant; but in the reigns of these two Queens, literature, art, architecture and music saw a great burgeoning and the British Constitution began to assume its modern shape. The portrait of Queen Victoria which we give was commissioned by The Illustrated London News from Benjamin Constant, and by Royal command [Continued below.]



QUEEN ANNE (B. 1665; DIED 1714; REIGNED 1702 TO 1714). FROM THE PORTRAIT BY JOHN CLOSTERMAN IN THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY.

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exhibited in the Royal Academy of 1901. It later became part of the Royal collection. Her reign saw one of the world's great developments, with this country and Empire becoming the world's greatest Power, achieving its greatest prosperity, and being marked by the glories of its literature and the magnanimity of its legislation. Now opens the reign of a second Elizabeth (whose portrait appears on page 303), the great-great-granddaughter of the great Victoria.

God save the Queen!

(The portraits of Queens Lady Jane Grey, Mary 11. and Anne are reproduced by courtesy of the National Portrait Gallery; that of Queen Elizabeth I. by that of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.) IN the sorrowful days which have followed the death of King George VI. the sincerity of the tributes paid to his memory all over the world has been mani-

WINDOW ON THE WORLD. THE COMMONWEALTH IN A NEW REIGN.

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In the sorrowind days winch have followed the death of King George VI. the sincerity of the tributes paid to his memory all over the world has been manifest. In the respects paid to sovereigns on their deaths and in the mourning for them, there must always be a large element of formality. They lie in state, as it were, not only beneath the eyes of such of their subjects as then file past their biers, but before the whole world. At such a moment they become more deeply identified than ever with their nations. Yet the comments on our late tragedy were touched by a peculiar warmth. The honesty and sense of duty of the King were stressed; so, too, was the high courage with which he fought a whole series of desperate illnesses and performed his duties to the utmost of his power right up to the end. Behind the King was seen the man, a man in no sense brilliant, but observant and retentive of memory; above all, a man of sterling character. There all arguments and disquisitions have converged. This deserves to be noted because, even in the formality mentioned above, some estimate of character appears. If this sterling quality had not been a feature of King George VI., those intent on pure eulogy would not have stressed it, but would have looked for something less disputable.

Another element in the tributes has been the friendly feelings towards the United Kingdom displayed in the Commonwealth, even those partners in it which had of late been insisting on the looseness. of their partnership, and still more in foreign nations. Here the United States has led the way. The current irritations and misunderstandings were for the time being put aside. In their place appeared not only kindly sympathy but also a remarkable comprehension, not confined to the higher grades of the newspaper Press, though, naturally, most prominent in them. Three features, in fact, are found here: honour paid to the late King, the kindliest of wishes to the new Queen in the heavy tasks she assumes in her youth, and an expression of good will to the

opinion noted the fact that the Commonwealth had within the reign of King George VI. diminished, so that Queen Elizabeth II. was, in a sense, succeeding to a narrower heritage, and that it had also loosened. Frequent hints of a decline appeared, in no way cold but not to be mistaken. Nothing could be more natural than that this aspect of the situation should come to the foreground in the United States at such a moment when minds were turning over the events of the past reign and their significance, and were considering the prospects of the reign about to begin. Within King George's reign that nation, to its own surprise and in general not to its own gratification, had been raised to the leadership of the free world. It had grown up and developed behind the shield of the Royal Navy. Now it found itself mistress of the seas, and in such a position faced with problems with which it was unfamiliar, though they were well known to Britain. It is true that the process, like most such developments in the history of nations, had, in fact, been spread over a term longer than that during which it became clear to all eyes. What is significant is that it was within the last reign that it did become clear to all eyes.

One leading American newspaper set itself to combat this view of a declining Commonwealth. The Washington Post regretted what appeared to be an undercurrent of reproach, that the Empire at the end of the reign was smaller than it had been at the beginning. It demanded:

"Which was the greater achievement—to conquer India or to set it free? Which was more splendid—to send the Lancers charging against the dervishes at Omdurman or to set up self-governing assemblies in West Africa in the later years of George VI.? And which was the finer act of statesmanship—to crown Victoria Empress of India, or to keep India within the Commonwealth on her own terms as an equal and self-respecting member?" After a generous but well-merited tribute to the courage of the Britain of King George VI., by reason of which Britons "endu

or the persistent depreciators of their own country will refuse to see nobility as well as grandeur in Disraeli's conception of the Queen-Empress, or in the work of the British in India during her reign, work which this conception helped to inspire. Those who have some notion of what the Sudan was a little over half-acentury ago—the knowledge is not widespread in our own country and must be very much less so in the United States—and who compare that bloodstained picture with the picture of to-day, will not easily agree that the charge of the 21st Lancers was not worth

REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME OF THE LEADING MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS AT THE ROYAL FUNERAL.



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COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA IN LONDON.



ISPAHANI, THE PAKISTAN IN LONDON.



MR. V. K. KRISHNA MENON, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA



MR. E. A. P. WIJEYERATNE, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CEYLON IN LONDON.



SINCE DECEMBER, 1949.



MR. A. L. GEYER, HIGH COM-MISSIONER FOR THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA IN LONDON.

At this time of mourning for King George VI., Captain Falls writes of the many tributes that have been paid to our late King's memory all over the world, and he stresses the friendly feelings towards the United Kingdom displayed in the Commonwealth, "even those partners in it which had of late been insisting on the looseness of their partnership." The varying links which bind together this unique Commonwealth were reflected in the manner in which the new Queen was proclaimed. In Ceylon, "the oldest monarchy in the Commonwealth," the Proclamation was read in Sinhalese, Tamil and English. In Australia the Proclamation described the Queen as "the supreme liege lady in and over the Commonwealth of Australia." Although India is a Republic, where the Queen is referred to as the "Head of the Commonwealth," a salute of 21 guns was fired in New Delhi to synchronise with the Proclamation ceremonies in London. In Pakistan the new Queen was described as becoming "Queen of her realms and territories and Head of the Commonwealth." In South Africa salutes of 21 guns boomed out at Pretoria, Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg and Bloemfontein at the time of the formal Proclamation, in which she was described as "Sovereign in and over the Union of South Africa." On the day of the King's death, Canada proclaimed the new Queen "in and over Canada," and was the first Commonwealth nation to do so.

while, or that it was not a great and an honourable symbolic incident in British history. Still less ought we to listen to voices which try to persuade us that the Victorian age and the Victorian spirit were not, in the plainest sense, great. I am speaking now not of internal achievements in the fields of matter and spirit, but of the place which Victorian Britain took in the world of its day. This was indeed great and

honourable. Few nations which have wielded comparable influence have less cause to be ashamed of the manner in which they used it.

The worst effect of decline may be that of a ready acceptance of littleness in every field, leading to lack of self-confidence and to avoidance of high endeavour. Moreover, assuming that the American view of I the Commonwealth is correct, and that there is durability in its present form, we must not overlook the fact that a Commonwealth such as ours, achieved by greatness, cannot be maintained except by the same means. If the United Kingdom were to decline to the status of a little nation the Commonwealth would probably disintegrate within a generation. The greater nations now within its fold would feel themselves forced to resort to other combinations. In our situation we are compelled to be strong or to abandon wholly the part we have played in recent years. This part is not always fully understood to-day. We never were the predominant nation in Europe. We have never, in fact, since the Middle Ages been able to engage in a land war on the Continent without allies. Even in the First World War, when we were at our greatest, when for the first time we, put into the field armies on the same scale as those of the great Continental Powers, it was our sea power and the strength derived from being the head and core of a group of nations spread over the world which made us so powerful a factor in the struggle. The sea is still our ally. The group of nations, if somewhat weakened, is not dissolved.

To-day, when a Queen Elizabeth ascends the throne, our minds turn back to the day when, almost four centuries ago, at almost the same age, another Queen Elizabeth became the sovereign. England was then a relatively minor State, but a State which had been organised, disciplined and drilled to play a new part in the world by Elizabeth's father and grandlather. She did not make the spirit which infused the State in the course of her reign; to some extent she confined it by her caution and prudence

apparently impossible odds in war. Can their successors meet with similar hardihood the subtler pressure of other forces which may prove as deadly as those of an armed enemy? Can the Elizabethan spirit be revived?

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No one can answer the question whether we have it in us to rise to this occasion. I am, however, prepared to argue that no inherent reasons against our so doing exist, that if we fail the fault will lie not in our stars but in ourselves. It is a commonplace that kingdoms rise and wane, that the world's balance of power shifts to and fro; but it is also the case that national greatness has survived for long periods against expectation and against odds. A pessimist in Byzantium might have predicted collapse three or four centuries before it occurred, and in that long period the Byzantine Empire played a notable part in the world. In terms of world history the British Commonwealth may stand only for a remarkable incident; yet there is reason to believe that destinies can be expedited or retarded by the human spirit. If we believe that Britain and the British Commonwealth have played a beneficent part in the world and that their value is not yet at an end, we shall find more valuable work to do and the strength to do it. If we live in anticipation of eclipse and shape our lives to meet it, it will quickly fulfil our expectations.

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The laying down of principles is easier than their application in practice, easier even than suggesting how they ought to be so applied. In any case, I consider I am absolved from attempting the latter task in the final paragraph of an article. Among the first qualities needed is a calm, steady, far-sighted outlook upon responsibilities, opportunities and challenges. A single example may be cited of the conduct which in a few days may do more harm to the standing and self-respect of a nation than can be repaired in several years, a relatively minor affair which yet causes the world to conclude that the nation concerned is on the downward grade. The Abadan incident—and I speak not only of what we do before swerving away in affright—constituted a crippling moral blow to Britain. A series of such blows would spell moral ruin within a brief space of time. We cannot afford even one other Abadan. This is not to imply that there may not occur situations in which the highest wisdom would be to stand motionless or even draw back. The genius of the statesman is shown by his judgment in such cases. In the long run, however, it is the spirit of the people behind him that determines his action.





THE LAST NIGHT OF VIGIL-WHEN THE QUEEN AND THE QUEEN MOTHER VISITED THE CATAFALQUE

Throughout Thursday, February 14, the last day of the lying-in-state of King George VI., and into the small hours of Friday, February 15, the Immense and patient columns, of mourners waited for long hours before passing through Westminster Hall; but by 2.30 a.m. the queue had ended and those who came later were able to pay their homage without waiting. At 7.40 p.m. on the Thursday evening the Queen herself came with Princess Margaret. The two sisters were

met by the Minister of Works, Mr. David Eccles, and the Lord Great Chamberlain, Lord Chölmondeley. They stood in the shadows for about ten minutes, almost unnoticed by the slowly-moving columns of the public. Later, at 11.25 p.m., the Queen Mother came and remained for about twenty minutes. Earlier visitors from the Royal family were the Duckness of Kent with the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra; Princess Marie Louise, the Earl and

Countess of Harewood, Lady Patricia Ramsay and Lord Mountbatten. Royal personages (a number of whom are relatives of the late King) came to pay tribute to his mortal remains: King Haakon of Norway and Crown Prince Clav. King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Demmark, King Gustav of Sweden, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and Prince Berhard, Prince Albert of Belgium and the Princess of Thailand. Other distinguished visitors included the Archbishop

of Canterbury, Cardinal Griffin, General Eisenhower, President Auriol of France with M. Massigii, Dr. Rilbar, President of the Presidium of Yugoslavia, Dr. Adenauer, Mgr. Globbe, the Apostolic Nuncio to the Netherlands, and the Spanish Ambassador. When the doors were closed in preparation for the funeral procession, the total of those who had passed through the Hall during the three days of the lying-in-state was 305,000.



THE FUNERAL OF KING GEORGE VI.: THE FOUR ROYAL DUKES—HIS LATE MAJESTY'S BROTHERS, SON-IN-LAW AND NEPHEW—MARCHING SIDE BY SIDE AS THE SOLEMN, SPLENDID PROCESSION LEAVES WESTMINSTER HALL.

The four Royal Dukes who walked behind the Queen's carriage in the funeral procession are (l. to r.), the Duke of Edinburgh, Consort of the Queen; the Duke of Gloucester, in military uniform, his late Majesty's younger brother; the Duke of Windsor, in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, his elder brother; and the Duke of Kent, in morning dress, his nephew. Behind them are (l. to r.) Silver

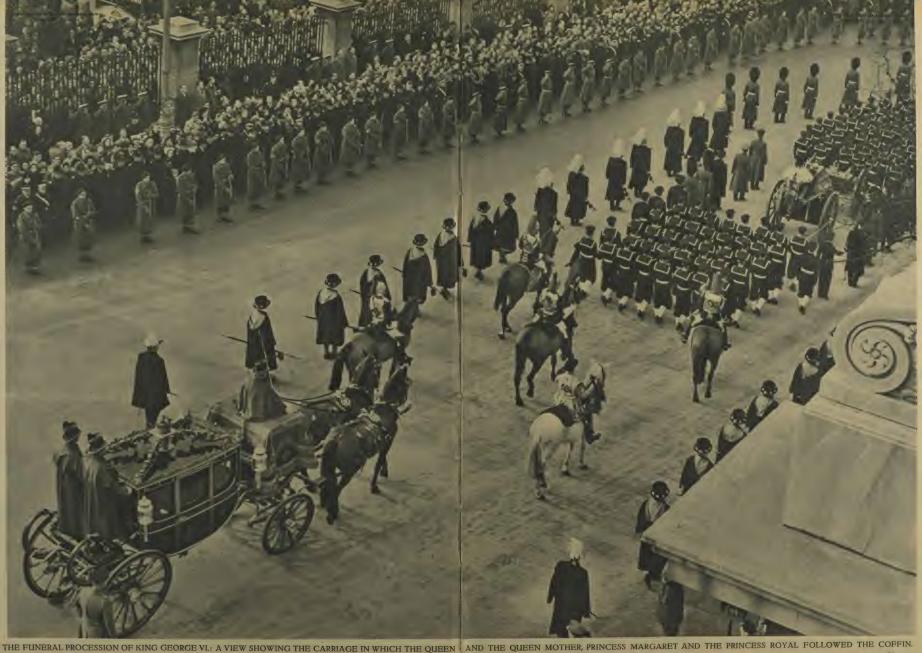
Stick in Waiting, Colonel F. F. B. St. George, Life Guards; Gold Stick in Waiting, Major-General Sir Richard Howard-Vyse; Personal Naval A.D.C. to the late King, Vice-Admiral Earl Mountbatten of Burma; and Field Officer in Brigade Waiting, Colonel G. C. Gordon Lennox, Grenadier Guards. Our photograph was taken just after the procession had left Westminster Hall at 9.30 a.m.



THE PASSING OF A KING: A VIEW OF HIS LATE MAJESTY'S COFFIN, SURMOUNTED BY THE EMBLEMS OF SOVEREIGNTY, AS THE CORTÈGE MOVED DOWN PICCADILLY TOWARDS HYDE PARK CORNER.

The coffin of his late Majesty King George VI. is seen in this photograph passing the Green Park on the way to Paddington Station. It bore, in addition to the Imperial State Crown, the King's Orb and the Royal Sceptre and was covered with the Royal Standard. The troops lining the route presented arms as the

cortège passed by and the men in the crowds stood with bared heads in final salute to the Monarch to whom duty had always come first and whose death has filled all hearts with sympathy for the Royal family and a personal sense of loss. The London crowds represented this deep feeling of national mourning.



THE FUNERAL PROCESSION OF KING GEORGE VI.: A VIEW SHOWING THE CARRIAGE IN WHICH THE QUEEN

Immediately behind the gun-carriage, drawn by naval ratings, rode a warrant officer of the Household Cavalry with the Soverign's Standard flanked by the Standard Coverer and a Trumpeter. Behind them was a carriage in which

Queen Elizabeth II., the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and the Princess Royal followed the coffin of the man who to them was not only a beloved King but also a well-loved husband, father and brother. Their grief has necessarily been

set amidst the glare of publicity which surrounds a Throne, but the crowds lining the route of the procession in a last tribute to a King whose voice was known to all, showed that George VI. will be long remembered by his subjects whom

he served so well. The universal observance of the Two Minutes Silence at 2 o'clock on February 15 and the demeanour of the thousands who passed through Westminster Hall testify to the Nation's deep sympathy with the Royal family.



WALKING IN THE PUNERAL PROCESSION AT WINDSOR: HEADS OF FOREIGN DELECATIONS LED BY M. ZAROUSHY, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR (BIGHT). NEXT TO HIM IS SEROR DON MANUEL BIANCH, OF CHIHE; SENIOR DON MANUEL BIANCH, OF FOLAND, IN THE FOURTH ROW (RIGHT) IS MR. DEAN ACRESON, THE U.S. SCENETARY OF STATE.



IN THE STATE FUNERAL PROCESSION: THERE FIELD MARSHALS (L. TO R.), THE VISCOUNT MONTGOWERY OF ALAMEIN, KG.; THE LORD IRONGIDE, G.C.B., C.A.G., D.S.O., AND THE VISCOUNT ALANBROOKE, K.G. FOLLOWING THEM ARE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE HEADQUARTERS STATE OT THE ARMY, WING WERE IN TURN FOLLOWED BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMY COUNCIL.



LED BY THE EARL MARSHAL, THE DUKE OF NORFOLK: THE EARL OF ONSLOW, CAPTAIN OF THE YEOMEN OF THE CUARD; COLONEL THE EARL FORTECUE, CAPTAIN OF THE CENTLEMENT-ARMS, AND THE DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH, LIEUTEMANT OF THE ROYAL COMPANY OF ARCHESE. FOLLOWING ARE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL MOUSTHOLD.

The State (uneral of his late Majesty King George VI, took place on Friday, February I5, The coffin was borne from Westminster Hall at 9.30 in the morning by a bearer-party of the Brigade of Cuards and placed on a gun-carriage drawn



ARRIVING AT WESTMINSTER MALL BEFORE THE STATE FUNERAL PROCESSION: THE QUEEN MOTHER (CENTER) AND PRINCESS MARGARET (BACK TO CAMERA); THE DUKE OF WINDSOR AND LORD MOUNTBATTEN (LEFT). ON THE RIGHT IS THE EARL MARSHAL, THE DUKE OF NORFOLK.

by naval ratings. The procession included distinguished foreign representatives, the High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries; members of the household of the late King and the new Queen; and officers of the fighting services.

THE STATE FUNERAL OF KING GEORGE VI.: SOME OF THE DISTINGUISHED PERSONS WHO TOOK PART



BEARING SYMBOLS OF SORROW AND SOVEREIGNTY: THE COFFIN OF HIS LATE MAJESTY, SHOWING



WALKING IN THE PROCESSION IN HYDE PARK: THE HIGH COMMISSIONERS, IN FRONT (L. TO R.) 96. V. K. KRISHBA MENON, OF INDIA; MR. L. D. VILLORES, OF CANADA; DR. A. L. GEYER, OF SOUTH AREACA, AND GROUP CAPTAIN THE DOYS, SIX PHOMAS SHITE, OF ABSTRALAN.



ABOUT TO ENTER THEIR CARRIAGE AS THE FUNERAL CORTÉGE PREPARED TO LEAVE WESTMINSTER HALL:
H.M. THE QUEEN, FOLLOWED BY H.M. THE QUEEN MOTHER, BOTH OF WHOM WERE HEAVILY VEILED.
QUEEN MARY DID NOT ATTEND THE FUNERAL ON MEDICAL ADVIEW.



THE START OF THE FUNERAL PROCESSION IN LONDON: THE ROYAL COFFIN BEING CARRIED FROM WESTMINSTER HALL TO THE WAITING GUN-CARRIAGE BY A BEARER-PARTY OF THE BRICADE OF GUARDS. THE NAVAL GUN CREW STAND WITH HEADS BOWED, HOLDING THE DRAG-ROPES.

IN THE PROCESSION, AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE GREAT PAGEANT OF NATIONAL MOURNING.



PASSING ST. JAMES'S PALACE: DRAWN BY TWO HUNDRED NAVAL RATINGS AND WITH GENTLEMEN AT-

The custom by which the gun-carriage bearing the coffin of the Sovereign is drawn in the procession from Westminster Hall to Windsor Castle not by horses but by Naval ratings arises from an accident which took place at Queen Victoria's funeral. On this occasion the gun-carriage was to be drawn by the Royal Horse

Artillery, but the horses became fractious when the massed bands began to play and the swingletree attached to the limber was broken. The gun team was taken away and the Naval guard of honour took over the task of hauling the gun-carriage. On the advice of Field Manhal Lord Roberts, however, a N.C.O. of the original

ARMS ON EITHER SIDE, THE GUN-CARRIAGE, BEARING THE KING'S COFFIN, MOVES TOWARDS PICCADILLY.

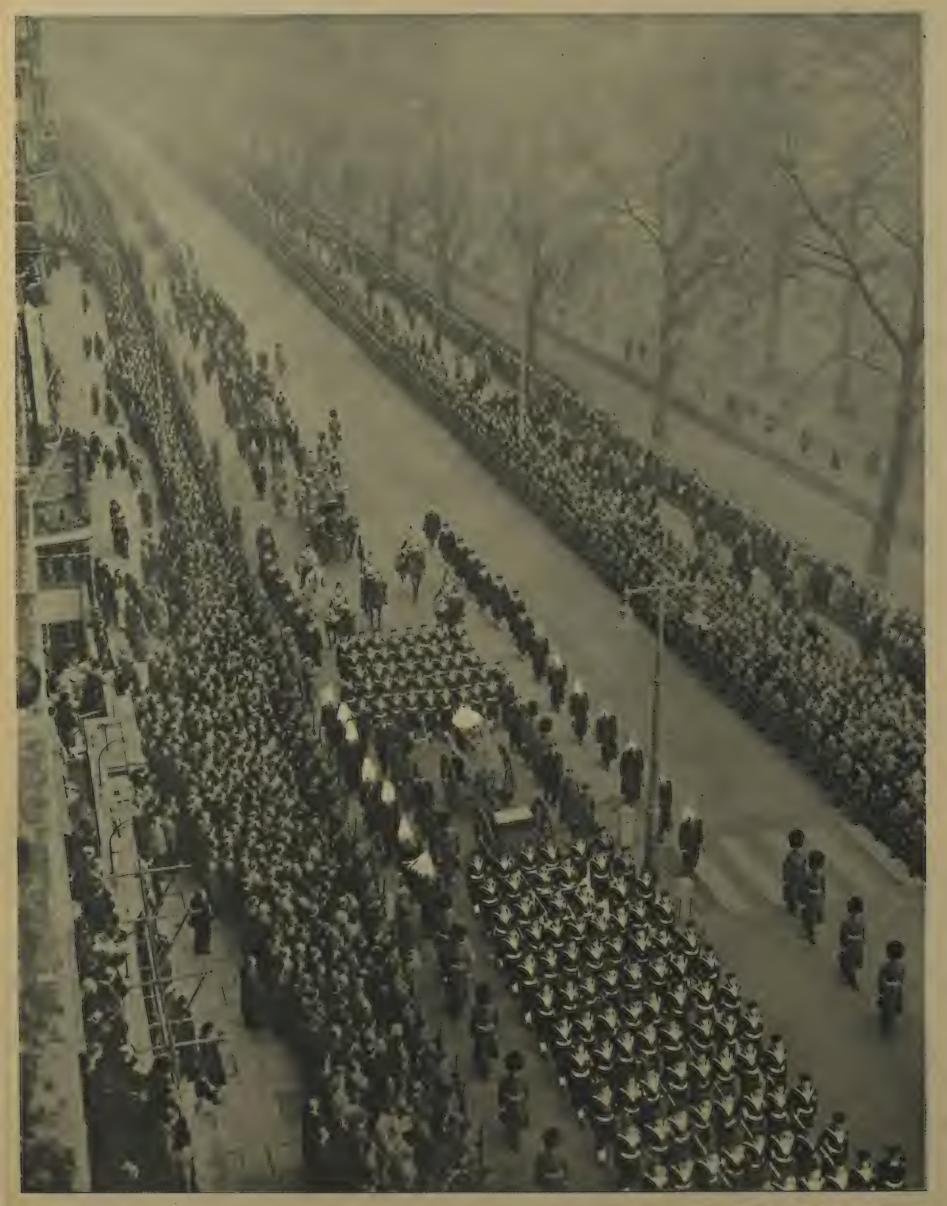
gun detachment (who recently described his part in the incident in a letter to the Press) was retained to manage the brake. The accident its believed to have been due to a fault in the swingletree and King Edward VII. himself stated that the Artillery were in no way to blame. In recognition, however, of the signal service performed

on this occasion by the Naval guard of honour, ever since then the honour of drawing the coffin of the Sovereign has been reserved for the Royal Navy. It will be remembered that the King's coffin was drawn from King's Cross to Westminster by a detachment of the King's Troop. R.H.A.





through the streets of his capital on February 15 on his last processional journey. A silent, reverent crowd lined the streets to bid farewell to a beloved King. At



A SAILOR KING'S LAST PROGRESS THROUGH HIS CAPITAL: KING GEORGE VI.'S COFFIN, ON A GUN-CARRIAGE, DRAWN BY NAVAL RATINGS, PASSING ALONG PICCADILLY.

King George VI. was a sailor King, and it was appropriate that—in accordance with a custom whose origin is told on another page—naval ratings should have drawn the gun-carriage on which his coffin rested. He entered Osborne at the age of fourteen, two years later went to Dartmouth, and passed out when

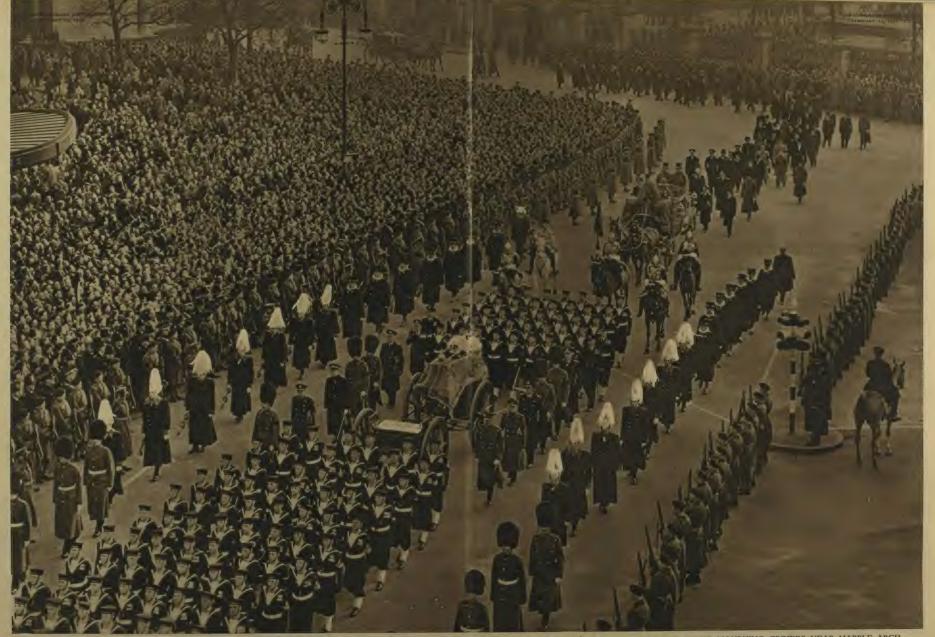
seventeen. After a spell in the cadet ship Cumberland he was gazetted midshipman to the Collingwood, in which he served at the Battle of Jutland, being mentioned in despatches. Ill-health interrupted his naval career, but all his life he loved the sea. Our photograph shows the funeral procession in Piccadilly.



LONDON'S FINAL HOMAGE TO THE DEAD KING GEORGE VI.: THE GUN-CARRIAGE, BEARING THE ROYAL COFFIN, PASSING THROUGH THE GATES OF HYDE PARK AT MARBLE ARCH.

Pale winter sunshine illuminated London on the day of the funeral of his late Majesty King George VI., and along the route of the procession from Westminster Hall to Paddington Station on the way to Windsor, huge crowds assembled to pay a spontaneous and deeply-felt last tribute of respect. Many of the men and

women who made up this multitude had stood for hours in the cold winter's morning to say farewell to their King, and some, indeed, had waited in the streets all night to make sure of seeing him pass. They were lined up in closely packed ranks, but many had equipped themselves with periscopes to ensure a view.



FOLLOWED BY THE SOVEREIGN'S STANDARD, THE ROYAL CARRIAGE AND THE PRINCIPAL MOURNERS ON FOOT, THE CORTEGE PASSES BETWEEN DENSE MOURNING CROWDS NEAR MARBLE ARCH.

This photograph shows in exceptional detail the immediate escort of the guncarriage. It is drawn by a naval gun's crew under the command of Captain C. M. Parry, R.N. Beside the forward part of the gun's crew march the bearer party of the King's Company, Grenadier Guards. Behind them on either flank are, first, Gentlemen-at-Arms, and next, Yeomen of the Guard in Tudor uniform. Immediately beside the gun-carriage are the late King's Equerries and Extra Equerries: (on the left of the coffin, right of picture) Captain Lord Plunket, Major Sir Michael Adeane, Brigadier Sir Norman Gwatkin, Air-Commodore Edward

Fielden, Commander Peter Ashmore, R.N., Vice-Admiral Charles Lambe; (on the right of the coffin) Captain Viscount Althorp, Captain Sir Harold Campbell, R.N., Lieut. Colonel Sir Terence Nugent, Group-Captain Peter Townsend the gun-carriage are the Escort Commander and the Field Officer of the Escort, with Sovereign's Standard borne by a Warrant Officer of the Household Cavalry, with the Standard Coverer and the Trumpeter. Next comes the carriage bearing the Queen, the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and the Princess Royal.



THE FUNERAL PROCESSION PASSING ALONG PICCADILLY: HEADS OF STATE AND

Heads of State and Members of the British and foreign Royal families walked in the funeral procession of his late Majesty King George VI. behind the group of Royal procession of his late Majesty King George VI. behind the group of Royal process who are shown on another page. Our photograph shows (from I. to:; front two H.M. the King of Sweden, H.M. the King of the Hellenes, H.M. the King of Wordy, and H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Norway, and the President of the French Republic; (second row) the President of the Trench Republic; (second row) the President of the Trench Republic; (second row) the President of the Truckish Republic; (second row) the Truckish Republic; (second r

MEMBERS OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN ROYAL FAMILIES MARCHING IN SOLEMN STATE.

(fourth row) H.I.H. Prince All Reza of Persia, H.R.H. the Prince of the Netherlands, H.R.H. the Prince of Luxembourg and H.R.H. the Prince of Lidge; (fifth row) H.R.H. Marshal Shah Wall Khan of Afghanistan, H.R.H. Prince Zeid of Iraq and H.R.H. Prince Azel of Denmark; (sixth row) H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakon of Thailand

and H.I.H. Prince Buu-Loc of Vict-nam. They were followed by the Marquess of Caristropke, the Earl of Harewood and the Hon. Gerald Lascelles, the Marques of Milford Haven, the Marquess of Cambridge, Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay. Lord Carnegie, Captain A: Ramsay and the Earl of Southesk who are not shown.



KING GEORGE VI. LEAVES HIS CAPITAL FOR THE LAST TIME: THE SCENE AT PADDINGTON STATION AS GRENADIER GUARDS, PAST THE QUEEN, QUEEN MOTHER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF

On arrival at Paddington Station the gun-carriage was drawn by the naval ratings to a spot between the funeral coach and the guard of honour and then they removed their caps and stood with bowed heads as the bearer-party of The King's Company, Grenadler Guards took up the King's coffin on their shoulders and carried it past

the members of the Royal family to the funeral coach. As the doors were closed on the coffin, pipers played the lament "Flowers of the Forest," and the Royal party entered their coach, while the visiting Royalty moved off to where another train waited. Queen Mary did not take part in the funeral procession, on medical advice.

THE COFFIN WAS CARRIED TO THE FUNERAL COACH BY THE BEARER PARTY OF THE KING'S COMPANY, THE ROYAL FAMILY, WHILE THE NAVAL GUN CREW STOOD WITH BOWED HEADS.

but stayed at Mariborough House, where she stood at a window to see the procession pass and later she was reported to have clossly followed the broadcast of the funeral. After a short interval the funeral train drew out of the station, while massed bands played Chopin's Funeral March and the three detachments of the guard of honour

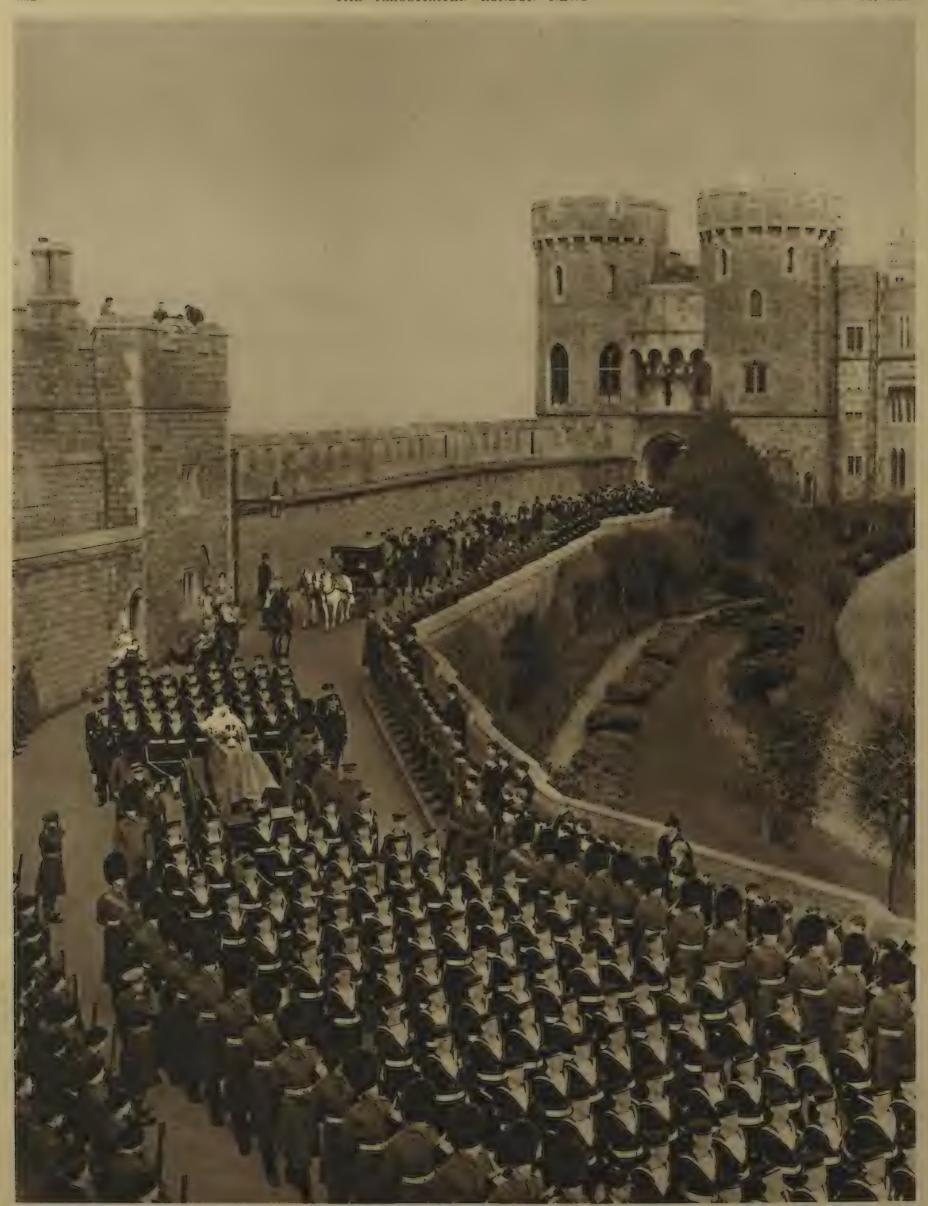
presented arms. The many people in the station stood in complete-silence as the train left for Windsor, taking King George VI. from his capital for the last time. In the procession were seven reigning sovereigns, three Heads of State, and three Crown Princes and many distinguished persons, including General Eisenhower.



THE KING'S LAST JOURNEY TO WINDSOR: DRAWING THE MORTAL REMAINS OF KING GEORGE VI., AND

THE ROYAL MOURNERS, THE LOCOMOTIVE OF THE ROYAL TRAIN, CARRYING IN FRONT A REPLICA
OF THE IMPERIAL STATE CROWN AND ON ITS SIDE THE ROYAL ARMS,

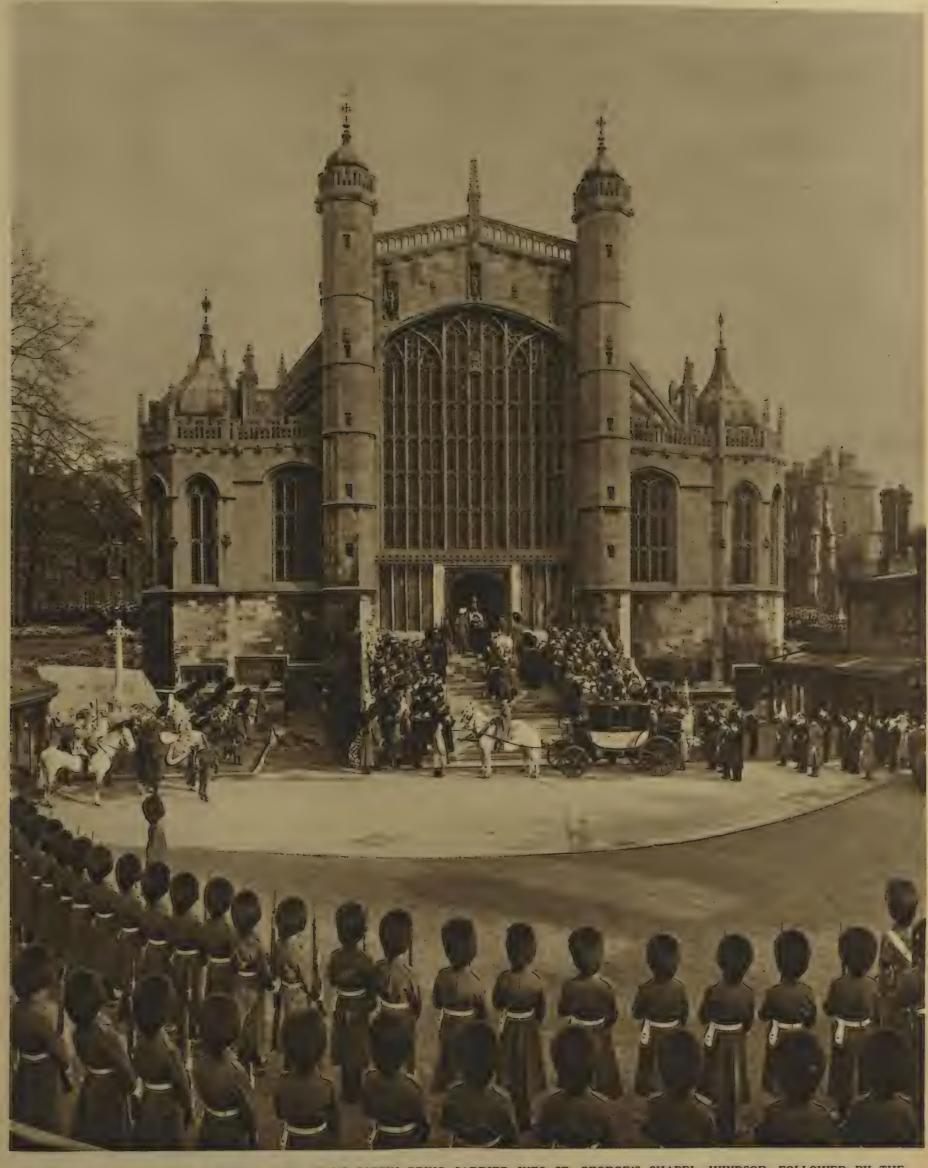
PULLS OUT OF PADDINGTON STATION EN ROUTE FOR WINDSOR.



THE SOLEMN PROGRESS NEARS ITS END AS THE CORTÈGE PASSES THROUGH THE NORMAN GATE OF WINDSOR CASTLE, BESIDE THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF THE ROUND TOWER, AND APPROACHES ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL.

The last stage of the funeral procession was from Windsor Station into Thames Street along High Street and Park Street into the long slope of the Long Walk. Thence it entered the Castle by the Sovereign's Entrance and wound round the Round Tower, through the portcullised Norman Tower, past the sunken garden below the Round Tower into the Lower Ward, and thence into the

horseshoe before the West Front of St. George's Chapel. Windsor itself was crowded with mourners, whose number was estimated at 150,000, and who waited in hushed silence. There was a halt for a while when the bays drawing the Queen's carriage were restive, but after a moment the solemn progress went forward in a silence broken only by the minute guns in the park.



THE END OF THE LAST JOURNEY: THE KING'S COFFIN BEING CARRIED INTO ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR, FOLLOWED BY THE QUEEN, THE QUEEN MOTHER, PRINCESS MARGARET AND THE PRINCESS ROYAL.

One of the most moving moments during the King's last journey from Westminster Hall to his resting-place at Windsor was the moment of arrival at St. George's Chapel. The slow procession proceeded to the West door between a guard of honour which included Grenadier Guards and cadets from Eton College, while the massed pipe bands played the lament "Flowers o' the Forest." As the coffin was taken from the gun-carriage and borne up the Chapel steps the sound of

bos'ns' pipes shrilled through the still air as the Royal Navy's Royal Admiral was "piped over the side." Slowly the procession entered the Garter Chapel for the burial service of the Sovereign of the Order; who, nearly four years ago, with all pomp and pageantry, had installed there as Lady of the Garter his daughter, the Queen. Now the King lies among his forebears: "Life's race well run, Life's work well done, Life's victory won, Now cometh rest."



KING GEORGE VI. COMES TO ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WHERE SO MANY OF HIS ROYAL FOREBEARS LIE AT REST: THE PROCESSION MOVING UP THE NAVE AFTER HAVING ENTERED BY THE WEST DOOR.

King George VI. was laid to rest in St. George's Chapel, the historic church in which he and his family worshipped when at Windsor, and which has seen him participate in so many splendid Garter ceremonies. The beautiful funeral service was attended not only by his near relatives, officers of State, Service chiefs and leading men and women of this country; but by the great ones from many distant lands. Our photograph shows the coffin being borne up the nave; the Queen, his late Majesty's daughter, and the Queen Mother, his widow, immediately

behind it; and following them, the Princess Royal, his only sister, and Princess Margaret, his younger daughter. The Royal Dukes of Edinburgh, Gloucester, Windsor and Kent (l. to r.) may next be distinguished, followed by Silver Stick in Waiting, Gold Stick in Waiting, Vice-Admiral Earl Mountbatten of Burma, and Field Officer in Waiting, Colonel G. C. Gordon-Lennox. Then come the Kings of Sweden, Greece, Norway and Denmark and the French President, who preceded Heads of State, the King of Iraq, and Royal and other mourners.



THE BELOVED ROYAL LADY WHOSE GRIEF IN HER BEREAVEMENT HAS ROUSED UNIVERSAL SYMPATHY: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN MOTHER, WITH THE DEAN OF WINDSOR, AFTER THE SERVICE.



THE ROYAL LEAVE-TAKING: H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II. SHAKING HANDS WITH THE DEAN OF WINDSOR, BISHOP HAMILTON, REGISTRAR OF THE ORDER OF THE CARTER, BEFORE LEAVING THE CHAPEL. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH IS KISSING THE QUEEN MOTHER, AND PRINCESS MARGARET STANDS ON THE RIGHT.

AFTER THE GREAT AND SOLEMN FUNERAL SERVICE FOR HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.: THE QUEEN AND HER NEAREST RELATIVES LEAVING ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR.

The officiating clergy at the funeral of his late Majesty King George VI. were the Archbishop of Canterbury; the Archbishop of York; Dr. Haigh, Bishop of Winchester, Prelate of the Order of the Garter; and Bishop Hamilton, Dean of Windsor, Registrar of the Order of the Garter, who, with the canons and choristers of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, received the Queen and the

Queen Mother at the West door. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council also joined the procession. With the accustomed graciousness of our Royal family, her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. spoke to the Dean of Windsor at the conclusion of the service and shook hands with him before leaving.



"HE SEEMED TO DEPART NOT FROM LIFE, BUT FROM ONE HOME TO ANOTHER": THE KING'S COFFIN RESTING BEFORE THE HIGH ALTAR IN ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BURIAL SERVICE.

As the King's coffin was carried behind the clergy up into the choir of St. George's Chapel to be laid on the purple-covered bier above the vault, the choir sang "I am the Resurrection and the Life." At the beginning of the simple and moving twenty-minute service the Queen and the Queen Mother stood at the head of the bier, with Princess Margaret, the Princess Royal and the four Dukes behind them. Standing at the foot of the coffin was the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Clarendon. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, and other church dignitaries were on the Altar steps. The Altar was aglow with reflected light from the gold plate, ornaments and the richly embroidered tapestry. The bearers removed the Imperial State Crown, Sceptre and Orb—outward symbols of Sovereignty—from the coffin, and placed them on a rest on the north side of the

Chancel. The Queen Mother's wreath, which had rested on the coffin throughout the journey, remained there. The choir sang the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me. . ." The Lesson, read by the Bishop of Winchester, was from the 21st Chapter of the Revelation of St. John the Divine: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. . . ." The hymn, sung simply and unaccompanied, was "The strife is o'er." After the committal and its accompanying ceremonies, which are described elsewhere, the organist, Dr. W. H. Harris, played the Dead March in "Saul" and, before the Archbishop of Canterbury pronounced the blessing, the choir sang the anthem "God be in my head."



THE MOMENT OF COMMITTAL: AS THE KING'S COFFIN SINKS INTO THE VAULT, HIS DAUGHTER, QUEEN ELIZABETH II., SPRINKLES THE EARTH OF THE LAST RITE UPON THE COFFIN.

The funeral service of King George VI. was, save for the majesty of its surroundings, and the multitude and greatness of the mourners, the service from the Book of Common Prayer—the most moving and solemn ceremony of the Church of England; but, towards its end, as the moment of committal approached, there were certain ceremonies proper only to the burial of the Sovereign. The Lord Chamberlain, Lord Clarendon, held his stick of office at arm's length, broke it into two and set the two halves on the coffin. Then the Queen, receiving from the Commanding Officer of The Grenadier Guards the Colour of the King's Company, Grenadier Guards, laid that on the coffin. From him also she had received a silver bowl containing a handful of red earth; and in that hushed moment when

the coffin sank through the grey stone of the floor of the Chapel into the vault beneath, the Queen sprinkled upon it a few grains of earth from the bowl. This is the moment which our Artist, who was present throughout the service, has portrayed. The Queen is standing by the vault; a little to the left are the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and the Princess Royal. Behind them stand the four Royal Dukes of (from left to right) Kent, Windsor, Gloucester and Edinburgh. While, above the vault where the foot of the coffin had stood, stands the Archbishop of Canterbury, his hand raised in benediction, with, to the right, the Lord Chamberlain, Lord Clarendon. On the left, below the great candlestick, are laid the Imperial State Crown, the Sceptre, and the Orb.

Specially drawn for "The Illustrated London News" by Harold W. Hailstone, who was present in St. George's Chapel throughout the service.



THE END OF A GREAT AND BELOVED KING: THE YOUNG QUEEN STANDS ALONE BESIDE THE VAULT, THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY RAISES HIS HAND IN BENEDICTION, AND THE ROYAL MOURNIERS, THE CAPTAINS AND THE KINGS STAND IN A TIMELESS MOMENT OF MOURNING.

The seene is one of mingled brilliance and solemnity. Beneath the rich glow of the east window—symbol in every church of the glory of the Resurrection—the altar and the reredes are bathed in soft golden light. The grey columns of St. George's Chapel rise to the traceried roof; above the dark stalls hang the banners of the Knights of the Catter, every devise on them a summary of history and comance; in the stalls themselves stand the choice stand the Kings and Heads of States and Jour. Royal Dukke; and on the blue carpet slone, heavily velided in the choice stand the Kings and Heads of States and Jour. Royal Dukke; and on the blue carpet slone, heavily velided in the choice should be considered the control of the value stand the Kings. Equerries; at the foot of the vault stand the Kings's Equerries; at the foot of the value that the Lord Chamberials, Lord Clarendon. Behind Lord Clarendon, in front of the altar, is the Arribhishop of York;

and to the right of him the Dean of Windsor, the Registrar of the Order of the Carter; also in front of the altar, at the north side, stands the Bishop of Windhester, the Prelate of the Order of the Carter, in the blue velve cope of the Order. In the front stalls at the far left stands Mr. Churchill, in the uniform of the Warden of the Cinque Ports. In the next few moments came the reading by Garter King of Arms of the roll of titles of the late King; and then, that great phrase that unbers in the future, the opening of a new reigh: "Let us humbly beseech Almighty God to bless with long life, health and honour and all worldly happiness the Most High, Most Mighty and Most Excellent Monarch, our Sovereigh Lady, Elizabeth the Second, now, by the Grace of God, of Great Brittain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Queen, Defender of the Fath and Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Carter." Then after a pause, the cry: "God Save the Queen!"



TRIBUTES OF FLOWERS TO A BELOVED KING: THE BRILLIANT CARPET OF BLOOMS ON THE CASTLE LAWNS AT WINDSOR.

On the day following the funeral of King George VI., February 16, Windsor was invaded by a crowd of some 100,000 people who had come to see the thousands of wreaths and floral tributes spread out like a brilliant carpet on the Castle lawns and in the Cloisters of St. George's Chapel. These tributes ranged in size from a plaque several feet square from the City of Gloucester to a handful of snowdrops from a group of Bermondsey children. The British Government's wreath was in the form of a floral George Cross, the decoration instituted by his late Majesty in 1940. The gates were opened to the public at 9 a.m.,

and soon a queue three miles long had formed. At 4 p.m., an hour before the gates were due to close, many thousands were still waiting and there were some angry scenes when the police sealed off the queue with 10,000 inside the gates stretching in a line over a mile-and-a-half. On February 17 the pilgrimage continued in almost unceasing rain and floodlighting was installed to enable the gates to be kept open for a few hours longer than usual. During the day some 150,000 people entered the Castle grounds. It was stated that the wreaths would probably be fresh enough to be kept on view for three days.



ONE OF THE FOREIGN SOVEREIGNS WHO WALKED IN THE FUNERAL PROCESSION OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.: KING FREDERIK OF DENMARK.



WITH HER CONSORT, THE PRINCE OF THE NETHERLANDS, WHO WALKED IN THE PROCESSION: QUEEN JULIANA OF THE NETHERLANDS, WHO CAME FROM HOLLAND BY AIR.



A GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF QUEEN VICTORIA; QUEEN INGRID OF DENMARK, WHOSE MOTHER WAS A DAUGHTER OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.



SEEN WITH HIS BROTHER KING BAUDOUIN OF BELGIUM WHÔ DID NOT ATTEND THE FUNERAL: PRINCE ALBERT OF LIÉGE (LEFT), WHO WALKED IN THE PROCESSION.



A KING WHO IS AT SCHOOL AT HARROW: KING FAISAL OF IRAQ, WHO WALKED IN THE PROCESSION.



OF THE SOVEREIGNS OF FOREIGN STATES IN THE OCESSION: KING PAUL OF THE HELLENES. PROCESSION:



COUSIN OF LATE KING GEORGE VI. THE CROWN PRINCE OLAV OF NORWAY



THE BROTHER OF THE SHAH PERSIA: PRINCE ALI REZA, WHO WALKED IN THE PROCESSION



WITH HIS CONSORT, QUEEN LOUISE, AN AUNT OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH: KING GUSTAF ADOLF OF SWEDEN, ONE OF THE KINGS IN THE PROCESSION.



THE HEAD OF A GREAT FRIENDLY EUROPEAN STATE: M. AURIOL, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, WHO WALKED IN THE PROCESSION.



WITH HER CONSORT, THE PRINCE OF LUXEMBOURG, WHO WALKED IN THE FUNERAL CORTÈGE OF THE LATE KING GEORGE VI.: THE GRAND DUCHESS CHARLOTTE OF LUXEMBOURG.



UNCLE BY MARRIAGE OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.: KING HAAKON OF NORWAY, WHO STAYED AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE AS A GUEST.

INCLUDING SOVEREIGNS, HEADS OF STATES AND ROYAL AND DISTINGUISHED PERSONS: MOURNERS FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The funeral of King George VI. was attended by many Royal mourners; indeed, the sad and solemn event was the occasion of the largest gathering of Royalty and of crowned heads in any city since the war. The foreign mourners in the procession were headed by the Kings of Denmark, Greece and Sweden, with whom walked the President of the French Republic, M. Auriol. The young King Faisal of Iraq was behind them, between the President of Yugoslavia and

the President of Turkey—this being the first occasion on which a President of Turkey has left his country. King Haakon of Norway, the only one of the five Kings who attended the funeral of King George V. to be present, is uncle by marriage of the late King. He stayed at Buckingham Palace as the guest of the Queen Mother. Royal relatives among the mourners also included Queen Louise of Sweden, King Paul of the Hellenes, and the Queen of Denmark.



ROYAL RELATIVES AND PRINCELY AND LEADING SOME FOREIGN STATES:



DENMARK.



MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA,



H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, ELDER BROTHER OF HIS LATE MAJESTY.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF KENT, SON OF THE DUCHESS

OF KENT, AND NEPHEW OF HIS LATE MAJESTY.



OF NORWAY.

A GRANDDAUGHTER OF QUEEN VICTORIA, AND A COUSIN OF HIS LATE MAJESTY.



H.E. MONSIEUR GEORGI NIKOLAEVICH ZAROUBIN OF THE

OF JORDAN.

YAKON OF THAILAND.



H.E. SIGNOR GIOVANNI GRONCHI CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.



OF HIS LATE MAJESTY.



H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, CONSORT OF

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, BROTHER OF HIS LATE MAJESTY.



THE HONOURABLE DEAN ACHESON, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE.



OF NEPAL.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SOUTHERN RHODESIA.



THE (uneral of a Sovereign of this Realm is conducted with time-honoured and complicated ceremonial, the responsibility for which (in common with arrangements for other State occasions) rests with the Earl Marshal. The present holder of this great office is the sixteenth Duke of Norfolk, who walked immediately behind the first Division of the Sovereign's Essort in the funeral procession of King George VI. The Noyal Dukes, the King's two surviving the Queen's Consort, the Duke of Edisburgh; and the young Duke of Kent, nephew of his late Majesty, walked together behind the gun-carriage bearing the coffin. The procession also included, as recorded on other pages, Sovereigns of foreign lands, the heads of great States, and Princely and distinguished representatives of many countries, and



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H.H. PRINCE ABDEL MONEIM OF EGYPT, A COUSIN OF KING FAROUK.





ARTAJO, THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER.

H.E. DR. KONRAD ADENAUER, CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF WESTERN GERMANY.



THE SETTING FOR THE FUNERALS OF OUR SOVEREIGNS: ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR—THE CHOIR, SHOWING THE CATAFALQUE IN POSITION OVER A MOVABLE SLAB WHICH LEADS TO THE VAULT BELOW.

St. George's Chapel, Windsor, the Chapel of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, has long been the setting for the funerals of our Sovereigns, many of whom repose in its precincts, or in the Tomb-House below the adjoining Albert Memorial Chapel. Our photograph shows the Choir of St. George's Chapel, hung with the banners of the Knights of the Garter. The catafalque for his late Majesty's coffin is in place before the steps leading to the altar. It is standing above a

slab which, as recorded on other pages, is movable. It covers a space through which, when the time comes, Royal coffins can be lowered, so as to reach the Tomb-House below the Albert Memorial Chapel. St. George's Chapel consists of a nave and choir of equal length. One of the finest existing examples of the late perpendicular style, it was begun in 1475 by Edward IV. on the site of a chapel of Henry I., and was completed by Henry VIII. in 1528.



WHERE ROYAL COFFINS ARE LOWERED FOR CONVEYANCE TO THE TOMB-HOUSE: THE SUBTERRANEAN PASSAGE, BELOW ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WHICH FEW HAVE SEEN, SHOWING THE LIFT-WINCH (RIGHT FOREGROUND) AND THE TOMB-HOUSE BEYOND.

At the end of the funeral service for King George VI. in St. George's Chapel at Windsor it was arranged that the Royal coffin should be lowered on a special lift through a well in the floor of St. George's Chapel into the vault below, thence to be conveyed to its resting-place in the Tomb-House beyond. The above drawing shows the passage leading into the Tomb-House, visible through the gates at the far end, and in the right foreground is the winch

that works the lift. It was used in 1910 at the funeral of King Edward VII., whose coffin rested in the Tomb-House until 1927, when it was removed, with that of Queen Alexandra, to a new tomb near the altar in St. George's Chapel. It was used again in 1936 at the tuneral of King George V., whose body was removed to his present resting-place, on the north side of the Nave in St. George's Chapel, on February 27, 1939.

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The privacy of the Royal Tomb-House to which the coffin of his late Majesty

was transferred after the funeral service in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, is jealously guarded and few save members of the Royal family have ever visited it. It lies below the Albert Memorial Chapel (which lies immediately to the east of St. George's Chapel) and is connected with the vaults of St. George's Chapel by an underground passage, shown in a drawing on the previous page. The



Albert Memorial Chapel was originally built by Henry VII., but granted by Henry VIII. to Cardinal Weley. It was for many years known as the Weley. Chapel, but was converted by Queen Victoria into a memorial chapel for Prince Albert and adorned with mosaics and costly marbles and albasters. The vuelt beneath, the Royal Tomb-House shown in our drawing above, was built, by George III. and designed to contain eighty-one bodies. Originally the coffins.

THE ROYAL BURIAL PLACE THAT FEW, SAVE ROYAL, EYES HAVE SEEN: THE TOMB HOUSE AT WINDSOR CASTLE, WITH THE STONE TABLE ON WHICH THE LATE KING'S COFFIN WAS SET.

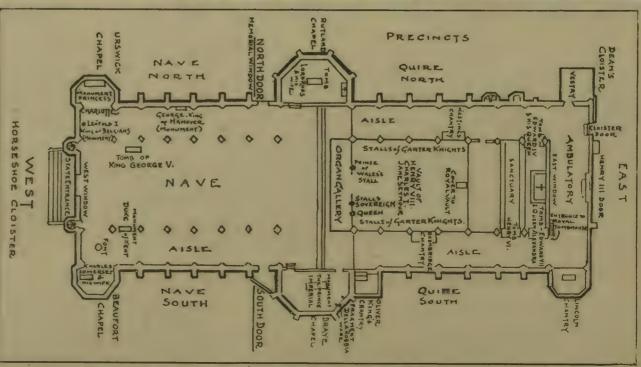
stood on a stone table which ran down the centre of the vault, but in the last years of her reign. Queen Victoria had certain alterations made and the coffins set on the shelves which appear at the sides of the vault. Among those that rest on the left (or north) wall are Frederick, Duke of York (d. 1827), and Edward, Duke of Kent (d. 1820), the father of Queen Victoria; while on the right (or south wall) lie George III. (d. 1820), George IV. (d. 1830) and William IV.

(d. 1837). Here lay the coffin of King Edward VII. from 1910 until 1927, when it was transferred to its final resting-place beside that of Queen Alexandra in St. George's Chapel. Here lay also the coffin of King George V, until in 1939 it also was transferred to its present resting-place on the north side of the nave of St. George's Chapel. And here, after the solemn ceremony in St. George's Chapel on Pebruary 15, lies the coffin ôf our dearly-beloved King George VI.



(ABOVE.) THE TOMB OF KING GEORGE V. IN ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR, WHERE THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR HIS SECOND SON, KING GEORGE VI., WAS HELD. SITUATED IN THE SECOND WESTERNMOST BAY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE NAVE, IT BEARS A RECUMBENT EFFIGY OF KING GEORGE VI.

AS recorded elsewhere. St. George's Chapel, Windsor, where the funeral of his late Majesty King George VI. took place on February 15, contains the tombs of many Sovereigns of this Realm. Henry VIII. and Charles I. lie in a vault beneath the Choir; Edward IV. and his Queen; and Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra are buried on the left and right of the Altar respectively, and Henry VI.'s tomb is in the Sanctuary. There are also monuments to Princess Charlotte (Urswick Chapel; left), and to the Duke of Kent and Strathearn (father of Queen Victoria), whose monument is exactly opposite to the tomb of George V. The last-named Sovereign died on January 20, 1936. His funeral took place in the Choir on January 28, and the remains were deposited in the Royal Vault at the eastern end of St. George's Chapel. In the spring of 1939 the coffin was moved and placed within the tomb, which we illustrate.



ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL: A SKETCH-PLAN ILLUSTRATING THE POSITION OF ROYAL MONUMENTS AND TOMBS.

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A SIGNAL FOR THE TWO MINUTES SILENCE ON THE DAY OF THE KING'S FUNERAL: THE LUTINE BELL AT LLOYD'S WHICH CALLED BUSINESS TO A HALT, IN HOMAGE TO HIS LATE MAJESTY.

In accordance with the Queen's wish, it was arranged that the clamorous life of the whole country, the rush of transport and the vociferous activities of trade and business should be stilled for a brief two minutes on Friday, February 15, at 2 p.m., the moment when the funeral service for his late Majesty King George VI. was expected to begin in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. In the Metropolitan Police districts the official signal was the firing of maroons, and in Lloyd's the

Chairman and Committee arranged to appear on the rostrum to hear the historic Lutine Bell rung to call a halt to all business, in homage to the dead King. The bell had been rung on February 6, when his Majesty's death was announced at Lloyd's. Another mark of respect called for was a period of general mourning to be observed until after the funeral. This was announced from the Earl Marshal's office on February 12.



SEC. 2. NOTES FOR THE NOVEL-READER.



CHESS NOTES. By BARUCH H. WOOD, M.Sc.

BY the time you have played some such moves as r. P-K4, P-K4; 2. P-KB4, P×P, you and your adversary have rejected, between you, some 72,000 alternatives, for that is the approximate number of different ways in which it is possible to play these first four moves.

Experienced players take the endless variety of chess so much for granted that they are often more surprised by resemblances between games than differences.

FICTION OF THE WEEK.

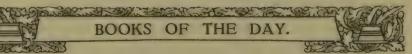
THIS week the novels don't cohere. Three of them could be matched in other contexts, but the fourth would always stand out.

For it is vain to classify "A Penny for the Harp," by Oliver Onions (Michael Joseph; 128. 6d.), as a historical novel. Of course it is historical—but so completely in its own sense that to describe it so becomes a misdirection. Those who dislike the genre may still be fascinated; those who enjoy it may be all abroad. Along with "Poor Man's Tapestry" and "Arras of Youth," it makes up, not a story, but a vision of the fifteenth century: a vision wonderfully concrete, even harsh in detail, but in effect as timeless, fluid and romantic as a dream of the night.

The setting here is Wales—wild Wales in the commote of Pentre with its

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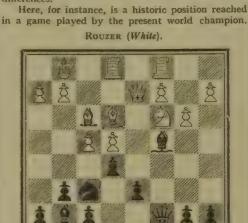


FROM BOSWELL TO CHANGI GAOL.

BOOKS OF THE DAY.

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BOTVINNIK (Black).

Botvinnik played the surprising 16. ... P-Q4! confronting his opponent with the choice between (a) 17. P×B, P×P recovering the piece with a fine game; (b) 17. Kt×P, B×Kt; 18. P×B, P-K5; 19. B-K2, Kt×P with a clear advantage; and (c) 17. BP×P, Kt×P; 18. B×Kt, P×B; 19. Q-B2, B×KP and Black is again very happy.

M. S. Zissell, a keen young London player, recently reached the following position:



M. S. Zissell (White).

M. S. ZISSELL (White).

He has been regretting ever since that he overlooked the resemblance to the Botvinnik-Rouzer position, with which he was familiar, and played B-K3? instead of P-Q4!

I recommend my more industrious readers to analyse the two positions side by side (using two sets of men and boards, if possible) and note their uncanny resemblance. For instance (a) 17. P×B, P×P, recovering the piece with a fine game; (b)—well, just play over (b) above with colours reversed; and so on.

EDITORIAL NOTE. Owing to the pressure on our space, some of our usual weekly articles do not appear in this issue.



THE QUEEN MOTHER; TO WHOM "WE ACCORD . . . ALL THAT HUMAN SYMPATHY CAN BESTOW."

In the House of Commons on February 11, Mr. Churchill, while moving the Address to the Queen and the messages of condolence to the Queen Mother and Queen Mary, speaking of the late King's Consort, the Queen Mother, said: "The thoughts of all of us go forth to her. It was with her aid that King George was able to surmount his trials. Let no one underrate what they were. To be lifted far above class and party strife or the daily excitement of internal

politics, to be restrained within the strict limits of a constitutional Sovereign—in his case most faithfully observed—yet to feel the fate and fortunes of the whole nation and of his realm were centred not only in his office but in his soul, that was the ordeal he could not have endured without the strong, loving support of his devoted and untiring wife and Consort. To her we accord, on behalf of those we represent, all that human sympathy can bestow."

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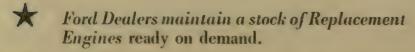
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COUNCILLOR COLLIDES WITH COW

ESCAPES WITH SLIGHT ABRASIONS

Schwepton Mallet, Tuesday

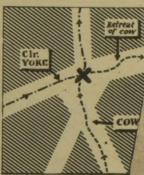
A small automobile was the focus of what might have been an unpleasant event for Schweppshire Pedestrians were taken unaware when this morning.





Councillor Alfred Yoke, turning past Galway Mansions, found himself face to face with an unguarded Shorthorn, which. but for Yoke's presence of mind, might have received serious injury.

POST has long campaigned for one way traffic in Waterworks Lane. Here, if further proof were needed, is further proof that yet another POST campaign should not be allowed to join the realm of lost causes.



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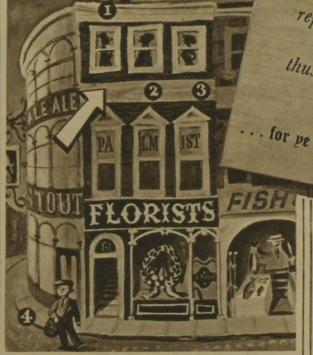
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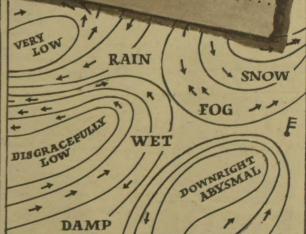
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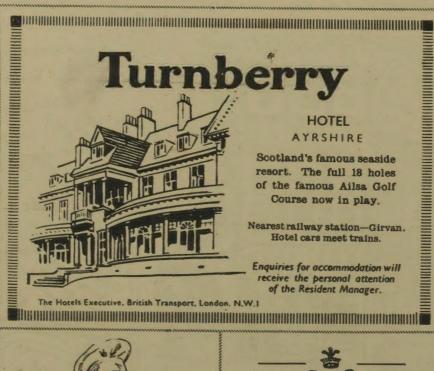
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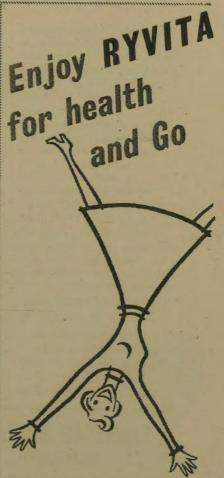




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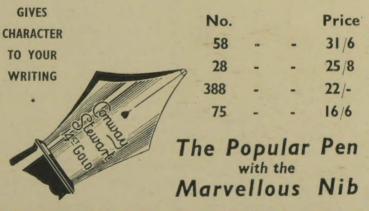
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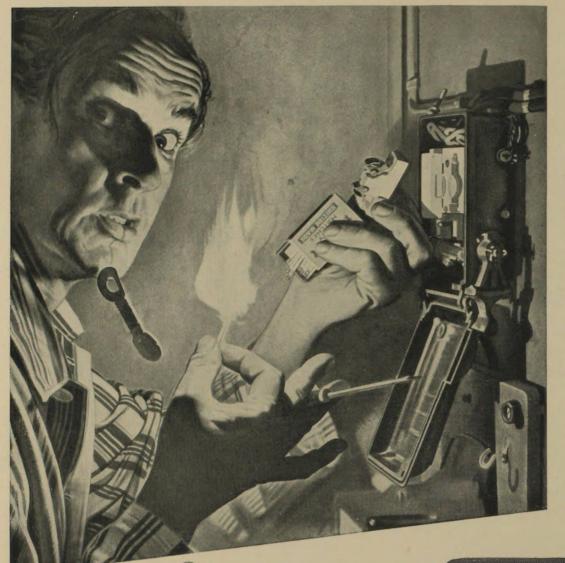












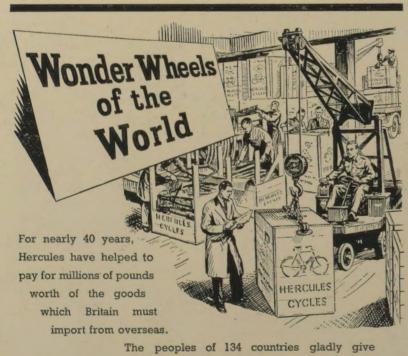
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